

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on December 1, 2005, during which claim amendments were discussed. The claims have been so amended to make them more definite.

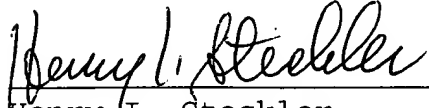
Thus the rejection of claims 20, 28, 32 and 33 under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed. Thus, the rejection of claims 20, 28, 32 and 33 on the grounds of double patenting should be withdrawn.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$130.00 for the terminal disclaimer and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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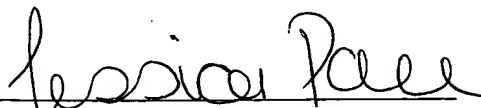
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